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Proposed statute of the United Nations Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 68/275, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith the proposed statute of the United Nations Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize.

2. The Secretary-General will submit any related financial implications, if applicable, in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

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Article 1
Aim

1. The aim of the United Nations Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize, established by the General Assembly in its resolution 68/275 of 6 June 2014, is to recognize the achievements of those who dedicate their lives to the service of humanity, by promoting the purposes and principles of the United Nations while honouring and paying homage to Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela's extraordinary life and legacy of reconciliation, political transition and social transformation.

Article 2
Prize

1. The Prize shall be presented once every five years as a tribute to the outstanding achievements and contributions of two individuals (one female and one male), in recognition of their dedicated service to humanity, in the promotion of reconciliation and nation-building, and in community development, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the United Nations. No staff member of any organization of the United Nations system shall be eligible for the Prize.

2. The Prize, to be awarded to each winner, shall be engraved with an appropriate citation. The form and the design of the award shall be determined by the Committee for the United Nations Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize (see art. 4), in consultation with the Secretary-General.

3. The individuals who are to receive the Prize shall be announced in May of the year in which the Prize is to be awarded. The Prize shall be presented by the Secretary-General during the commemoration by the General Assembly of Nelson Mandela International Day (18 July) at United Nations Headquarters. The first Prize is expected to be awarded in July 2016.

Article 3
Nomination of candidates

1. Written nominations for the Prize may be received from the following:

(a) Governments of Member States and observer States of the United Nations;

(b) Entities and intergovernmental organizations having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and work of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council;

(c) Institutions of higher education, in particular universities and other educational establishments, which provide a programme of education beyond secondary education, grant post-secondary degrees and are approved and/or accredited as institutions of higher education by the competent authorities of Member States, as well as independent research centres and institutes that are engaged in dedicated service to humanity, the promotion of reconciliation and nation-building, and community development;

(d) Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;

(e) Laureates of the Prize, unless they are currently serving on the Committee.

2. Nominations shall reach the secretariat of the Committee not later than 31 December of the year prior to the year for which the nominations are to be considered. The secretariat shall transmit nominations received, in accordance with the present statute, to the members of the Committee.

3. The Committee shall, if possible, be convened during the month of March of the year in which the Prize is to be awarded, to select the two laureates for that year.

Article 4
Committee

1. The individuals who are to receive the Prize shall be selected by the Committee (see art. 2 (2) above), to be composed of the following:

(a) Five representatives of States Members of the United Nations, one to be selected by each of the five regional groups, namely, African States, Asia-Pacific States, Eastern European States, Latin American and Caribbean States, and Western European and other States, for a period of five years;

(b) The Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations, to serve as ex officio member of the Committee;

(c) The President of the General Assembly, who shall serve as Chair of the Committee.

2. The Committee shall select five eminent individuals who have made significant contributions to the service of humanity and to promoting the purposes and principles of the United Nations. Such eminent persons shall be honorary members of the Committee and shall serve in an advisory capacity for a term of five years, which may be renewed as the Committee may decide.

3. The Department of Public Information shall serve as the secretariat of the Committee.

4. The seven members of the Committee shall make their decisions by consensus and the Committee may adopt its own rules of procedure.